

## HEALTH DISPARITIES WEBSITES

### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/minority.htm> The Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) is an agency in Health and Human Services that publishes an annual Health Disparities Report.

### **American Hospital Association – Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

[http://www.aha.org/aha\\_app/issues/Disparities/index.jsp](http://www.aha.org/aha_app/issues/Disparities/index.jsp) The American Hospital Association is a national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities.

### **The Applied Research Center**

<http://www.arc.org/> The Applied Research Center is a public policy institute advancing racial justice through research, advocacy and journalism.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Office of Minority Health**

<http://www.cdc.gov/omh> Promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling the disproportionate burden of disease, injury and disability among racial and ethnic minority populations.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Office of Minority and Women’s Health**

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/omwh/> The mission of the Office of Minority and Women’s Health is to assure that the burden and impact of infectious diseases among racial and ethnic minorities and women is acknowledged and addressed through research, surveillance, education, training, and program development.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - REACH 2010**

<http://www.cdc.gov/reach2010/> Healthy People 2010, which describes the nation's health objectives for the decade, has as one of its goals eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health.

### **Closing the Health Gap**

<http://omhrc.gov/healthgap/> Closing the Health Gap is a national campaign designed to help improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations, who are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans.

### **The Commission to End Health Care Disparities**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/433/summary05.pdf> The Commission to End Health Care Disparities (CEHCD) recognizes that health care disparities exist due to multiple factors, including race and ethnicity. The Commission will collaborate proactively to increase awareness among physicians and health professionals; use evidence-based and other strategies; and advocate for action, to eliminate disparities in health care and strengthen the health care system.

**The Commonwealth Fund**

<http://www.cmwf.org/> The Fund is dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care, and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, elderly people, low-income families, minority Americans, and the uninsured.

**The Cross Cultural Health Care Program**

<http://www.xculture.org/> The mission of the Cross Cultural Health Care Program is to serve as a bridge between communities and health care institutions to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

**Diversity Rx**

<http://www.diversityrx.org/> Promoting language and cultural competence to improve the quality of health care for minority, immigrant, and ethnically diverse communities.

**Health Disparities Collaboratives**

<http://www.healthdisparities.net> The mission of the health disparities collaborative is to expand access to high quality, culturally and linguistically competent primary and preventive care for underserved, uninsured, and underinsured Americans.

**Health Power for Minorities**

<http://www.healthpowerforminorities.org/> Health power is a non-profit organization committed to minority health improvement through health information, health promotion, technical advice and assistance to organizations, and partnerships and networking.

**The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

<http://www.kff.org/> The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the nation, and has been extensively involved in minority health and health disparities issues.

**Institute for Alternative Futures – The Disparity Reducing Advances (DRA) Project**

<http://www.altfutures.com/DRA/> The DRA Project is a multi-year, multi-stakeholder project developed to identify the most promising advances for bringing health gains to the poor and underserved and accelerating the development and deployment of these advances to reduce disparities.

**Institute of Medicine**

<http://www.iom.edu/> The Institute of Medicine's mission is to serve as adviser to the nation to improve health by working outside the framework of government to ensure scientifically informed analysis and independent guidance.

**Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene – Minority Health and Health Disparities**

<http://www.mdhealthdisparities.org> The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene envisions a state in which health care services are organized and delivered in a manner designed to eliminate health disparities among its ethnic and racial populations, thereby leading the way to a Healthy Maryland in the New Millennium.

**The National Center for Cultural Competence**

<http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/nccc/index.html> The mission of the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) is to increase the capacity of health and mental health programs to design, implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems.

**National Cancer Institute - Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities**

<http://crchd.cancer.gov/index.html> The Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities integrates studies across NCI's research divisions to identify scientific and policy areas that provide opportunities to reduce and eliminate cancer health disparities.

**National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities**

<http://ncmhd.nih.gov/> The mission of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) is to promote minority health and to lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

**The National Health Law Program**

<http://www.healthlaw.org/> The National Health Law Program is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities.

**National Institutes of Health - Minority Health**

<http://health.nih.gov/search.asp/26> An Agency under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services the National Institutes of Health is the steward of medical and behavioral research for the Nation.

**The National Minority AIDS Council**

<http://www.nmac.org/> The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) is the premier national organization dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

**National Multicultural Institute**

<http://www.nmci.org> The National Multicultural Institute's mission is to work with individuals, organizations, and communities in creating a society that is strengthened and empowered by its diversity.

**The Office of Minority Health**

<http://www.omhrc.gov/> The mission of the federal Office of Minority Health (OMH) is to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations. OMH is located within the United States.

**The Quality Indicator Project**

<http://www.qiproject.org/> The Quality Indicator Project (QIO) is a twenty-year-old endeavor of seven Maryland hospitals to collect and share outcomes data with the goal of improving quality of care.

**The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

<http://www.rwjf.org/index.jsp> The Robert Wood Foundation seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans, and has dedicated resources to eliminating the gaps in care experienced by racial and ethnic minorities.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma**

<http://www.stopstigma.samhsa.gov/> SAMHSA's Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma (ADS Center) provides practical assistance advice on countering discrimination and stigma associated with mental illness.